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A. D. GOLDENBERG CHOSEN AS HEAD OF MASONS OF STATE

The Masonic grand lodge of New Mexico opened its annual meeting here Monday. Tuesday the officers of the grand lodge for the coming year were elected. Wednesday they were installed. The officers elected follow:

Grand master, A. D. Goldenberg, of Tucumcari; deputy grand master, R. H. Hanna of Santa Fe; senior grand warden, R. L. M. Ross of East Las Vegas; junior grand warden, F. E. Lester, Mesilla Park; grand treasurer, S. Spitz, of Santa Fe; grand secretary, A. A. Keen, of Albuquerque. The appointive officers have not yet been named.

On Thursday, December 12th, following the close of the grand lodge, the Grand Royal Arch chapter of New Mexico convened for the election and installation of officers.

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of New Mexico will meet on Friday morning, December 13th.

The Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will open its annual meeting at Tucumcari on Friday, December 13th, for a session of two days.

Among the various entertainments that have been given and are yet to be given the visitors are the two concerts by the Tucumcari Philharmonic Society.

The Grand Lodge of New Mexico was organized on August 7, 1877, at Santa Fe and now comprises forty-six lodges and three under dispensation, which will probably be chartered at the annual meeting this week. The oldest Masonic lodge in New Mexico is Montezuma Lodge No. 1 at Santa Fe, which received its charter May 8, 1851, from the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter was organized at Albuquerque on October 3, 1918, and consists of seventeen chapters. The Grand Commandery Knights Templar was organized at Santa Fe, August 21, 1901, and now consists of thirteen commanderies.

Many cities have signified their intention of inviting the next session of the Grand Lodge to meet with them and it is expected that a lively time will be indulged in by the partisans of the various towns.

GEORGE E. SALE DIES OF SPANISH INFLUENZA

Word was received at San Jon, Wednesday, announcing the death of George E. Sale, at Helena, Montana, on November 30, of Spanish Influenza.

Mr. Sale was for several years engaged in the photograph business at this place with his brother, J. A. Sale, now of Clinton, Oklahoma. He was at different times foreman of the San Jon Sentinel, having had charge of the paper during the first few months of 1914, under the present management.

He was a young man of more than ordinary intelligence and ability, succeeding in spite of difficulties. He was a self made man and was fast winning distinction in the business world. He was employed in the government survey service in Montana, at the time of his death.

Mr. Sale had many friends in this community who join with the Sentinel in expressions of condolence to the bereaved relatives over his untimely death.—San Jon Sentinel.

DANLEY BRANCH RED CROSS

The Danley Branch of the Quay County Chapter of the American National Red Cross will hold their annual meeting Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1918, at 1:30 sharp to 2:30 o'clock on said day at Caprock school house, for the election of an executive committee and such other business as may properly come before the branch. Each member is urged to be present.

If there is school at Caprock on that day, the meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Bell Antle. Mrs. H. E. DeOliviera, Sec'y Danley Red Cross.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. The pastor has decided not to make the visits to the classes this Sunday. Let the parents and teachers work to have every pupil present.

Preaching at 11 a. m. subject: "The Bible the Only Infalible Guide." Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.

Preaching at 7 p. m. subject, "The Second Coming of Christ." We extend a most cordial invitation to every one to worship with us.

J. H. MESSER, Pastor.

Bob Nolte is spreading out. His restaurant was not large enough to handle the business so he took in another room and is having it fitted up in nice style. He has the Ferncroft fixtures and will fit up the bar to use to serve soft drinks in connection with the restaurant. Bob has many friends who will help him make this venture a success.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS HELPING CARE FOR MASONS

A meeting of the Convention and Entertainment Committee of the Chamber of Commerce was held last Friday evening at which plans with reference to entertainment for the delegates to the Masonic Grand Lodge was discussed. The matter of inviting several other organizations to hold their next annual convention in this city was discussed, but owing to the limited number present, no action was taken. Another meeting will be held early next week.

The full personnel of the community war labor board for Quay county has been announced. Those composing the board are Mrs. Freeman Allen, Mrs. Hanna Bonem Kohn, Messrs. S. M. Wharton and J. E. Clayton. The Chamber of Commerce will naturally co-operate with the board in securing employment for our returning soldiers and others as well. Any one needing help should communicate with one of the members of the board immediately. You will not only be assisting yourself, but you will be helping your government in solving its most complex labor problems.

J. E. Clayton, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has been offered the position of secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Altus, Oklahoma. Mr. Clayton has not yet determined whether or not he will accept the position. Altus is a city of about 10,000 inhabitants and is located in southwestern Oklahoma.

County School Superintendent J. A. Atkins and J. E. Clayton of the Chamber of Commerce of Tucumcari, were up Saturday morning for the U. W. W. campaign.—Nara Visa News of recent date.

Submitted by Chamber of Commerce Publicity Committee.

WILSON—REED

A wedding of considerable interest, particularly in railroad circles, occurred exactly at six o'clock, Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle R. Jacobs, on First street. The contracting parties were Harry H. Wilson, a brother of Mrs. Jacobs, a railway man of some experience, and Miss Mattie Reed, daughter of J. A. Reed of House. The house was tastefully decorated with New Mexico mistletoe.

Immediately following the ceremony, the table was spread and a sumptuous wedding dinner was served. A present worthy of special mention, was a beautiful chest of fine silverware—a token of the munificence of Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs. The guests were limited to a few relatives and immediate friends. The ceremony was performed by the Christian minister, Norris J. Reasoner.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are one of our splendid young couples and the News is glad to join the throng of well-wishers in hearty congratulations.

TWO IMPORTANT SUBJECTS

There is a great question before the American public to be settled soon. It is the question of universal military training and service. What is the proper thing to do? What should be the attitude of the church? The church is in the world to make disciples of Christ of all nations. It is not worth while unless the religion of Christ is sufficient to meet every human need. If it is sufficient—and it certainly is—Christian people should apply it to all questions, hence this question of future military policy will be discussed at the Christian church next Sunday evening.

The other subject for the hour of morning worship will be, "Jehovah and Messiah, the Coming One." This is an illuminating sermon by one now passed to his eternal reward, William R. Nicholson, who was a bishop of the Reformed Episcopal church. It will bring a message that should be passed on and on. Come to both these services, and please do not fail to be at Bible school promptly at 9:45 a. m.

Norris J. Reasoner, Minister.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Regular services will be held next Sabbath as follows:

Sabbath school at 9:45. The Superintendent expects every teacher, officer and scholar to do their duty in adding numbers as well as interest to the school.

At 11 a. m. the Rev. A. Caldwell of Magdalena will preach and he and his brother the pastor of the church will sing together at 7 p. m. A sacred song service will be the principal order of service, where suitable vocal and instrumental music will be rendered.

The Caldwell brothers will sing at the service also.

You are cordially invited.

J. CALDWELL, Pastor.

Irvin Ogden, editor of the Spanish-American at Roy, was here Tuesday and Wednesday a delegate from the Masonic Lodge. Mr. Ogden is one of those editors who talks out in meeting. He was a republican when he came to New Mexico and has reformed. He is now a strong supporter for the Democrats whom he thinks worthy of support. In fact, he's very much independent but at the present time he feels that the Democratic party is nearer his ideal. Just the kind of a man to put reliance upon, but he will not make much money off politicians.

GOOD ROADS NEED- ED ALL OVER QUAY COUNTY--TO BE FIXED

The recent rainy weather has tended to create more than the usual demand for good roads and brings to mind the fact that there is every reason to believe that Quay county will soon have at least one road the equal of any in the southwest—the proposed one from Tucumcari to Montoya. The United States highway council, whose function was to pass upon each separate highway project throughout the forty-eight states, immediately preceding the signing of the armistice, had withheld approval of all construction in New Mexico, which involves federal aid. With the advent of peace, it is, however, believed that work will be taken up at once on this road, which was the first project in New Mexico to have been accepted by the federal government. The agreement was executed June 22. Through the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce and the board of county commissioners, the county and state each pledged one-fourth the cost of construction and the federal government pledged the remaining one-half necessary.

Apparently the only thing which was delaying the beginning of work was the fact that the national highway council had not put its approval on the shipment of materials for roadbuilding. The heavy shipping conditions, due to the war, no longer exist and there is little doubt but that the government will approve shipments of road material in the near future. The work will then be taken up immediately.

In order that this unit of the Ozark Trails may be maintained until the various authorities shall take up its construction, a special road tax is being collected and it is planned to have a road patrol from Glenrio to Montoya to keep this road in good condition.

The board of county commissioners have already made appropriations for the improvements of the San Jon cap road, the Ragland cap road, the Montoya cap road and the Nara Visa-Rosebud road. This work will be taken up immediately under the supervision of County Highway Superintendent E. N. Hobart. The unit of the Bell Highway from Logan to Nara Visa has already been completed and is one of the best roads in this section. It will also be completed to Tucumcari at an early date.

LETTER FROM W. E. McDANIEL

Portland, Oregon, Nov. 27, 1918. Friend Furr:

I am sending you a "one-spot" for which please extend my subscription to the News as far as this will go.

I would like to change my address from 266 East 37th St., to 1101 East Market St.

My partner and I sold our garage so I am again on the "hobo" list, looking for new fields to conquer.

I wish we could give you some of our rain and cloudy weather for some of your sunshine. I think both of us would profit by this exchange. Oh! No, you keep the wind and dust. We don't want that.

The "Mooney case" seems to have created quite a stir in labor circles and at this time it looks like about all leading industries will be tied up in Portland, for no telling how long.

I note in your paper the flu has visited your city with its attendant results. It was pretty serious for a while in Portland and we are not through with it at this time.

Mrs. McDaniel and myself have so far escaped and hope our good luck will continue.

Regards and best wishes,

Walter E. McDaniel.

WANTED

At the Red Cross room: (immediately) experienced knitters. It is urgently requested that all knitted goods must be in by January 1st. Knitters will please bear in mind that to give real relief to our men who must stay in France, socks and sweaters must leave here in time to reach their destination during the present winter.

We have new knitting instructions for knitting men's sweaters; also a new supply of sock yarn.

The work rooms will be open Tuesday afternoons to give out yarns and receive knit-work.

NEW MEXICO HONORED FOR HER UNITED WAR WORK

Because of her promptness in giving to the United War Work, and because she went over her quota, New Mexico has the honor of having two huts named for her.

This was made possible by the splendid work of the women. I want to thank each woman in Quay county for her part in this United War Work campaign. Mrs. C. H. HITTSON, County Chairman Y. W. C. A.

M'ADOO WOULD CON- TINUE GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF ROADS

Washington, Dec. 11.—Extension of the period of government control of railroads for five years, until January 1, 1924, was recommended to congress tonight by Director General McAdoo. Advantages of this, Mr. McAdoo said, are that it would take the railroad question out of politics for the present give time for carrying out an extensive program of improvements, and provide opportunity for a fair test of unified control to indicate the permanent solution of the railroad question.

"The president has given me permission to say that this conclusion accords with his own view of the matter," Mr. McAdoo said in concluding a letter addressed to Senator Smith of South Carolina and Representative Simms, chairman, respectively, of the senate and house interstate commerce committees.

Mr. McAdoo explained that to continue government operation for 21 months after formal declaration of peace under present conditions would mean disruption of morale among employees and officers, and could not enable the government to go ahead with improvements and purchase of equipment. Another alternative, the very prompt return of the railroads to private control, without legislation to permit elimination of the old wasteful competition, would be "hurtful alike to the public interest and to the railroads themselves," he said, and the difficulty of obtaining immediate legislation providing a permanent solution is apparent.

"There is one, and to my mind only one, practical and wise alternative," Mr. McAdoo continued, "and that is to extend the period of federal control from the one year and nine months provided by the present law to five years or until the first day of January, 1924. This extension would take the railroad question out of politics for a reasonable period."

It would give composure to railroad officials and employees. It would admit of the preparation and carrying out of a comprehensive program of improvements of the railroads and their terminal facilities which would immensely increase the efficiency of the transportation machine. It would put back of the railroads the credit of the United States during the five years period so that the financing of these improvements could be successfully carried out. It would offer the necessary opportunity under proper conditions to test the value of unified control and the experience thus gained would of itself indicate the permanent solution of the railroad problem.

"The American people have a right to this test. They should not be denied it. It is to their interest that it should be done. In my opinion, it is the only practicable and reasonable method of determining the right solution of this grave economic problem."

"I am not now and have not been for the past year interested in proving or disproving the theory of government ownership or any other kind of theory. The railroads have been operating for the past year with the purpose of serving efficiently the paramount needs of the war and at the same time furnishing the best possible service to the public, whether such operation tended to prove or disprove any theory of railroad control, no matter what it might be. I have formed no opinion myself as to what is the best disposition of the railroad problem because the test has not been sufficient to prove conclusively the right solution of the problem. I believe that a five year test will give the American people the right answer."

Dr. Thomson has nearly anything a person might need. He will sell to the highest bidder beginning Monday in the old postoffice building all this stock consisting of tires, tubes, auto supplies, Edison talking machines, furniture, rugs, plumbing supplies, chairs etc. It would take too much space to enumerate everything he will have in this sale. The sale will commence on Monday and continue three days.

The Red Cross Rest Room is a busy place these days. The ladies make the trains—passing out tobacco, chewing gum, etc. Last Saturday they fed more than one hundred free for dinner. Some of the boys left money in their cups as that was the only way to make the ladies receive pay for their service. The boys were loud in their praise for the courteous treatment received while in town.

T. A. Fuhrman, who had been the guest of his wife and other friends in Tucumcari has returned to Gulf Port, Miss., where he has been training for the navy. He expects to be discharged soon. Mrs. Fuhrman accompanied him as far as El Paso. She will continue on to Santa Barbara, Calif., where she will spend the winter in hopes of improving her health. She is visiting home folks.

BRUSSELS MAYOR SAYS U. S. TWICE SAVED BELGIUM

Brussels, Dec. 7.—Herbert C. Hoover, American food administrator, and former head of the committee for relief in Belgium, was the guest of honor tonight at a reception in the city hall. Burgomaster Max, in a speech welcoming Mr. Hoover to Brussels, of which city he was recently elected a citizen said in part:

"In greeting the friend of the Belgian nation, I am interpreting the feelings of 8,000,000 human beings saved from famine, exhaustion and death. When the torments were let loose on Belgium our eyes were turned to the United States. We knew that great people would not allow justice to succumb or permit civilization and the future of humanity to become the play things of a preying race."

"Our country twice was saved by yours, for the intervention of the U. S. armies which decided the result of the war and delivered our territory would have freed nothing but a vast cemetery if it had not been preceded by the magnificent war work to which the name of Hoover will forever be attached."

WHEAT CROP IS PROMISING

Messrs. E. E. Darby, Joe Beavers, J. H. Welch, Vance and Lang were among those from the plains who visited Tucumcari this week. They report as much wheat already up as was ever up before. They expect more than 100 per cent increase over any previous year. They are anxious to sell their crop in Tucumcari providing a suitable road is made over which to haul same. They were very much pleased to note the work now being done on the cap near Ragland. After that is completed repair work will be engaged in all along the road from Ragland to Tucumcari.

ORVILLE SMITH IS DEAD

Orville Smith, died Tuesday afternoon from pneumonia. Some few weeks ago he had the "flu" and came near dying, but recovered sufficiently to return to his work on the dray line. During the recent cold spell he contracted a cold which terminated in the pneumonia with the above result. Orville was a man of jovial disposition and had many friends. His family—wife and two children—have the sympathy of the entire community in this sad bereavement. Orville was 38 years old and had been a resident of this county many years. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Messer and Ellis Wednesday afternoon at the Sunnyside cemetery.

GEO. OSTIC RETURNS HOME

George Ostic, who was a fireman on the ship "Brutus," has been discharged on account of an injury sustained while at work on the ship when a lot of coal caved in on his back. He has sufficiently recovered so that he has gone to work in the railroad shops here. George has had quite an experience on the water. His ship is credited with capturing a German sea raider in South American waters. The News hopes to publish his story when George has time to complete writing same. It is quite an honor to have helped win the greatest war the world has ever experienced.

Arthur Goldenberg was the recipient of the Dock Smith automobile which was sold for the benefit of the Salvation Army in France. It was given away Saturday night at the 11-11 Theater. The tickets were sold during the Roundup and later until enough were sold to enable those in charge to close the deal. Arthur is quite proud of his new racer and will no doubt make good use of same.

AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 15, 1918. Last Sunday was another good day with us; had two to join the church, both by experience and baptism. The Lord is giving us a great blessing each Sunday. Don't fail to worship with us next Sunday: Sunday school at 9:45; Preaching at 11 a. m., and 7 p. m., B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m. Geo. E. Ellis, Pastor.

Monday and Tuesday will be real bargain days for Tucumcari. Dr. Thomson has a whole store building full of articles to sell at auction beginning Monday. Don't miss this sale as there is a little of everything mixed in the lot. You can buy them at your own price. It means a big saving to you but the stock must go.

D. D. Branson has contracted for the Street old home place east of the Elks Club from Mr. Batson the present owner. The deal was made thru the Adam Long Agency. Mr. Branson plans opening a private rooming and boarding house and there is no doubt about having plenty of applicants for a place of that kind.

It has been quite cloudy the past two days. Looks like snow or rain. Don't know what the farmers will do with dry farming methods if these rains and snows keep up. They are quite anxious to try out other methods and seemingly do not care if it does rain every week or so. Wheat prospects were never better.

Join the Red Cross. It's your duty.

LIEUT. HANCOCK AND SGT. CALDWELL FALL AND WRECK PLANE

Santa Fe, N. M. Dec. 10.—Lieutenant G. L. Hancock, of the U. S. aviation service, narrowly escaped serious injury this morning as he rose with his Curtiss aeroplane at Chapelle, N. M., and in attempting to dodge a telephone pole crashed into the teregraph wires near the Santa Fe railroad track. The lieutenant was unhurt and Sergt. Caldwell, who was with him, also escaped injury, but the machine was wrecked. It will be shipped to Washington in a box car. Lieut. Hancock and Sergt. Caldwell are expected to arrive here this evening by train.

Lieut. Aubineau, of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Lieut. A. W. Graham, of Kansas City, Mo., arrived here in their aeroplanes this morning and are now waiting for Lieut. Hancock upon whose arrival plans of the three aviators will be announced.

As Lieut. Graham circled around Santa Fe he was just about a mile up in the air, and adding 7,000 feet, the altitude of Santa Fe, it will be understood why he felt a trifle chilly. Despite the warmth of the cheering hundreds who gazed with delight as his big Curtiss "car" the Lieut was braving the temperature found at 12,000 above sea level, and the carburetor of his Hispano-Suise engine was also complaining of "high altitude."

After posing for a picture the aviator jumped into a motor car and was driven up town.

"Yes, it was cold," said the lieutenant, after he alighted near the Indian school.

The lieutenant and the other aviators may remain here several days, it was said, awaiting orders from Washington. They may proceed from Santa Fe to the Pacific coast.

The delay in Las Vegas was explained by the aviator as due to trouble he had with his airplane. At Camp Optimo he ran into a wire fence and several rods were bent.

The delay in Chapelle, 25 miles this side of Las Vegas, was attributed to high winds.

SIX KILLED AND THIRTY IN- JURED IN NAVY DUST BLAST

Washington, Dec. 11.—Six men of the crew of the armored cruiser Brooklyn were killed and thirty others injured, some seriously, in an explosion of coal dust aboard the vessel last Monday at Yokohama, Japan, where she was coaling. The navy department was so informed today in a dispatch from the commanding officer of the Asiatic fleet of which the Brooklyn was flagship.

Wane M. Johnson of Pastura, New Mexico, was among the killed.

The navy department's announcement said the Brooklyn was not damaged and that a court of inquiry had been called to investigate the explosion which was in several compartments on the berth deck and in the ship's bunkers. No cause was assigned. One of the men was killed outright while the other five died from injuries.

FLU EPIDEMIC IS NOT YET ENDED, DECLARES BLUE

Washington, Dec. 11.—Warning to the country that the influenza epidemic is by no means ended and that all possible precautions against the disease should be taken, was issued tonight by Surgeon General Blue of the public health service.

Reports received by the service show a recrudescence of the disease practically from one end of the country to the other and in his statement Dr. Blue advised the closing of the public schools on the first sign of the reappearance of the epidemic. He said the disease apparently now tended to occur more frequently among school children.

"Our main reliance," Dr. Blue said, "must still be the observance of precautions by the individual person. He should cover up his coughs and his sneezes and insist that others do the same."

FRAME STORE BUILDING DESTROYED BY FIRE

The frame store building, better known as the May Bar, on west Main Street caught fire early this morning and was burned so badly it is beyond repair. It had been vacant for about two months, Ingram's Cafe being moved to the building formerly occupied by the Bank Bar.

The origination of the fire is unknown unless set on fire by some hobo who had sought refuge during the night. The fire was under good headway before being discovered but the fire department got there in time to save adjacent buildings from damage. It is understood that no insurance was carried on the building.

Miss Freda Schaff who has been attending school in Denver, will be home the first of next week to spend Christmas with her mother and friends.